

Local Firefighters, EMS Could Receive New Vehicles, Protective Gear

Burlington County – Congressman John Adler, who hosted several workshops to ensure local public safety departments were informed about the federal grant process, is encouraging local fire departments to apply for federal funding under the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. The AFG program enhances the ability of fire departments to implement fire safety and prevention programs. Recently, municipalities such as Berkeley, Toms River, Moorestown and Pemberton have received grants well over \$100,000 to go towards the purchase of fire trucks, ambulances or safety equipment.

"As municipalities deal with severe budget constraints, these federal funds will help keep our communities and families safe," said Congressman John Adler. "Our local first responders deserve our appreciation and their fair share of federal resources."

The application period is presently open and running through May 28. Since 2001, AFG has helped first responders obtain much needed safety equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency response personnel from fire and related hazards. Interested departments can contact the Congressman's District Offices in Marlton, 856-985-2777 or Toms River 732-608-7235 for further information.